

# BEHIND THE BADGE

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## 117<sup>th</sup> Academy Graduation

On December 18, the Raleigh Police Department welcomed 27 new officers. The members of the 117th session of the Raleigh Police Academy celebrated the completion of their initial training at a ceremony held at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

## Lateral Graduate

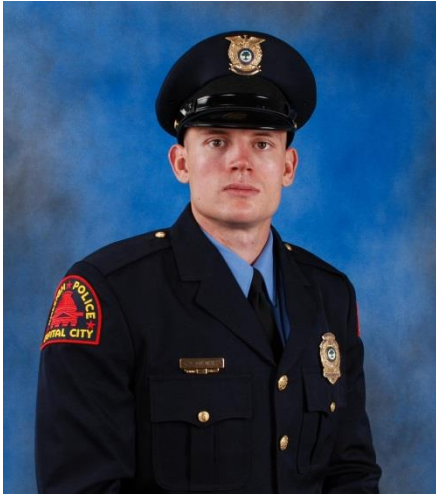
### Officer S.M. Sturkie



Officer S.M. Sturkie was born in Winston-Salem. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Elon University. He previously served as an officer with the Winston-Salem Police Department. Officer Sturkie is serving with the Downtown District.

# Basic Academy Graduates

Officer C.D. Ainsworth



Officer C.D. Ainsworth was born and raised in Jacksonville. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from North Carolina State University. He aspires to serve with the Traffic Enforcement Unit. Officer Ainsworth will serve with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer A.T. Balbin



Officer A.T. Balbin grew up in Littleton, Colorado. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Harding University. He would like to serve with the K-9 Unit or Detective Division in the future. Officer Balbin will join the officers of the North District.

Officer D.M. Brown



Officer D.M. Brown is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a full athletic scholarship to attend Delaware State University and earned a bachelor's degree in business management. He aspires to become a member of the Gang Suppression Unit. Officer Brown will work with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer B.L. French



Officer B.L. French was born in Raleigh and raised in Clayton. An avid sportsman, he played football while attending Methodist University where he double majored and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and applied forensic science. He aspires to become a member of the Robbery Unit. Officer French will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer S.D. Holden



Officer S.D. Holden is a native of South Florida. He enjoys outdoor activities and working on automobiles. He aspires to become a member of the K-9 Unit or the Selective Enforcement Unit. Officer Holden will join the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer T.A. Hoyle



Officer T.A. Hoyle grew up in Connelly Springs. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from North Carolina State University. He aspires to become a member of the Selective Enforcement Unit. Officer Hoyle will work with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer K.G. Jackson



Officer K.G. Jackson was raised in Charlotte. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He aspires to be a member of the Gang Unit. Officer Jackson will serve with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer A.E. Jones



Officer A.E. Jones was born in Conway, South Carolina and raised in Rocky Mount. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from North Carolina State University. She aspires to become a member of the Drugs and Vice Unit or the Homicide Unit. Officer Jones will join the officers of the Downtown District.

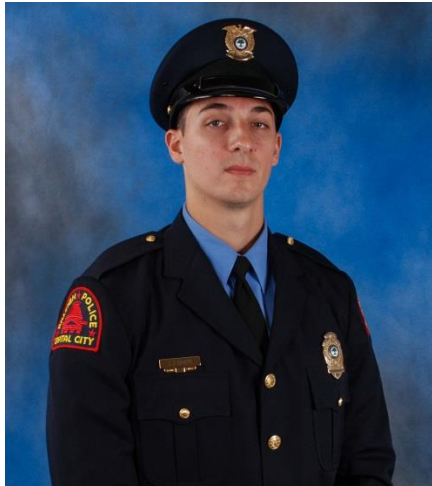
Officer V.L. Kinney



Officer V.L. Kinney grew up in Clarksburg, Maryland. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and minored in music while attending High Point University. He aspires to become a member of the Gang Unit. Officer Kinney will work with the officers of the Downtown District.



Officer T.J. Konyn



Officer T.J. Konyn was born and raised in Poughkeepsie, New York. He earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Dutchess Community College. Prior to joining the Department, he served as a corrections officer in New York. He aspires to be a member of the Community Policing Squad or the Drug Enforcement Unit. Officer Konyn will serve with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer E. Mariano



Officer E. Mariano grew up in Lake Worth, Florida. He moved to Raleigh to pursue a career in law enforcement. He aspires to become a member of the Community Policing Squad to help bridge the gap between the community and law enforcement. Officer Mariano will join the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer E. Martinez



Officer E. Martinez was born and raised in Hollywood, Florida. Prior to joining the Department, he served in the United States Marine Corps. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Nova Southeastern University. He aspires to become a member of the Drug Enforcement Unit. Officer Martinez will work with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer J.M. Medina



Officer J.M. Medina was born in the Dominican Republic and was raised in New York City. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He aspires to become a member of the Community Policing Squad. Officer Medina will serve with the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer C.T. Melochick



Officer C.T. Melochick grew up in Hampton, Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from North Carolina State University. Prior to joining the Department, Officer Melochick worked with Wake County EMS. He aspires to be a member of the Traffic Enforcement Unit. Officer Melochick will join the officers of the North District.

Officer S.T. Newman



Officer S.T. Newman grew up in Wake Forest. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Liberty University. He aspires to be a member of the K-9 Unit or the DWI Enforcement Unit. Officer Newman will work with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer A.M. Patel



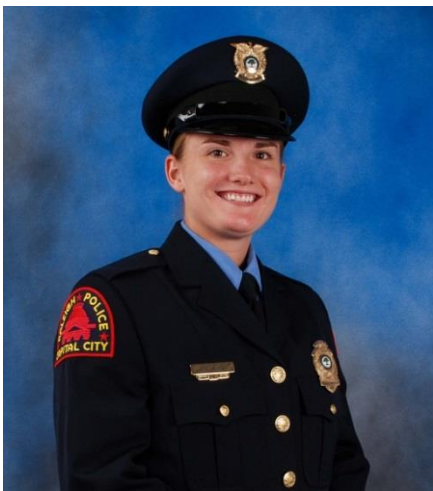
Officer A.M. Patel was born in Boynton Beach, Florida and raised in Macon, Georgia. He aspires to join a specialized unit in the future. Officer Patel will serve with the officers of the North District.

Officer D.R. Rackley



Officer D.R. Rackley was raised in Fayetteville. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from East Carolina University. He served with the United States Army National Guard as a combat engineer for four years. He aspires to become a detective or a member of the Selective Enforcement Unit. Officer Rackley will work with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer C.C. Reese



Officer C.C. Reese was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Northern Illinois University. She aspires to become a member of the Gang Unit. Officer Reese will serve with the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer N.W. Robinson



Officer N.W. Robinson grew up in Vienna, Illinois. He earned an associate degree from Wake Technical Community College. Prior to joining the Department, he served in the United States Marine Corps and was twice deployed to Afghanistan. He has also worked with the City of Raleigh Fire Department. Officer Robinson will serve with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer M.P. Russell



Officer M.P. Russell is from Dudley. Prior to joining the Department, he served in the United States Marine Corps and as a corrections officer. He aspires to become a detective and join the Gang Unit. Officer Russell will join the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer C.M. Saylor



Officer C.M. Saylor was raised in Apex. He attended Wake Technical Community College. Prior to joining the Department, he was self-employed. He aspires to become a member of the Gang Unit. Officer Saylor will work with the officers of the Southeast District.



Officer R.R. Spear



Officer R.R. Spear was born and grew up in Pompano Beach, Florida. Prior to joining the Department, he served as an Aircraft Mechanic with the United States Air Force. His step-son Officer S.O. Gomez is a member of the Department. Officer Spear will serve with the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer E.D. Stephenson



Officer E.D. Stephenson was raised in Benson. Prior to joining the Department, he was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays. Following his baseball career, he served with the United States Army and worked with the City of Raleigh Fire Department. Officer Stephenson will join the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer T.C. Taylor



Officer T.C. Taylor grew up in Amherst County, Virginia. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and forensic science. Prior to joining the Department, she served with the United States Army as a Military Police Officer with one deployment to Kosovo. She aspires to serve as a member of the Community Policing Squad. Officer Taylor will work with the officers of the Northwest District.

## Officer P.S.A. Tierney



Officer P.S.A. Tierney was raised in Patchogue, New York. He earned an associate degree from Suffolk Community College. He aspires to become a member of the Drugs and Vice Unit. Officer Tierney will serve with the officers of the Northeast District.

## Officer E.T. Williams



Officer E.T. Williams grew up in Warrenton. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fayetteville State University. He aspires to become a member of the Selective Enforcement Unit. Officer Williams will join the members of the North District.